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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LILONGWE NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 114897

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINS, PFOR, MI, US

SUBJECT: FUNSANI DETENTION

REF: LILONGWE 743

1. FROM THIS MORNING'S TELECON WITH DCM HOFFMAN, DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS AMBASSADOR HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BANDA FOR MORNING OF MAY 19.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF BANDA REACTS AS SEEMS LIKELY TO THE IBRD DEMARCHE, THAT WILL DESTROY ANY CHANCE OF OBTAINING HIS INTERCESSION FOR FUNSANI. WE ALSO CAN SEE NO WAY OF SEPARATING THE TWO ISSUES IN A SINGLE INTERVIEW.

3. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD DEFER IBRD DEMARCHE PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. YOU SHOULD INSTEAD  
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UTILIZE BANDA MEETING TO PRESS VIGOROUSLY FOR FUNSANI RELEASE, ALONG LINES OF ARGUMENT IN YOUR 645 AND 664. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT YOU MIGHT EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PATIENT AND TRIED TO AVOID ESCALATING MATTER TO THIS LEVEL, WAITING FOR MALAWIAN AUTHORITIES TO CONCLUDE THAT DETENTION WAS ERRONEOUS, BUT THAT WITH PASSING OF KAMUZU DAY WITHOUT RELEASE AND PRESIDENT'S IMMINENT

DEPARTURE WASHINGTON FELT CASE SHOULD HANG FIRE NO LONGER.  
CHRISTOPHER

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